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SUBJECT: STUDENTS NOMINATE DUARTE THEIR CANDIDATE FOR  
UNIVERSITY RECTOR

1. ON JUNE 18 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES UNANIMOUSLY CHOSE FORMER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE NAPOLEON DUARTE AS THEIR CANDIDATE FOR RECTOR OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY ( UES). THE UNIVERSITY GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL ELECT THE RECTOR AND OTHER UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS ON JUNE 21. REPRESENTATIVES OF PROFESSORS HAVE 24 VOTES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, REPRESENTATIVES OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS 24 VOTES, AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES 16 VOTES; SINCE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL NEED TWO- THIRDS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY' S VOTE TO WIN, THE STUDENTS ALONE CAN NEITHER ELECT NOR BLOCK ANY CANDIDATE.

2. DUARTE' S PROSPECTS APPEAR DIM. HE DOES NOT FULFILL THE RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT FOR RECTOR ( TWO YEARS CONTINUOUS IN EL SALVADOR PRIOR TO THE ELECTION). SOURCES IN THE PDC HAVE PRIVATELY EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE NOMINATION SINCE IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE PARTY OR OF DUARTE. NOR HAS DUARTE SHOWN ANY EVIDENCE OF DESIRING THE JOB.

3. THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY ON JUNE 18 WAS ATTENDED BY LESS THAN 1,400 OF THE 21,000 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS. IT WAS CHARACTERIZED  
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BY ATTACKS ON THE GOVERNMENT REMINISCENT OF THE PAST AND MANY  
OF THE NEW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ARE VETERANS OF COMMUNIST  
PARTY UNIVERSITY POLITICS FROM THE DAYS BEFORE THE UES  
INTERVENTION. THE MANNER IN WHICH THE UNIVERSITY NORMALIZING  
COMMISSION CONDUCTED THE SERIES OF STUDENT ELECTIONS TENDED  
TO FAVOR THE VICTORY OF AN ORGANIZED MINORITY SUCH AS THE  
COMMUNISTS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE NORMALIZING COMMISSION  
DID NOT CONSIDER IT WORTH THE EFFORT TO TRY TO CONTROL THE  
STUDENT ELECTIONS SINCE STUDENT POWER WITHIN THE COUNCILS OF  
THE UES HAS BEEN SO CURTAILED BY THE NEW UNIVERSITY ORGANIC  
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